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AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Motor Corps Valuable in Teaching Home Service

THREE BRANCHES IN STATE

The Motor Corps service of the American Red Cross has been a service of unselfishness and self-sacrifice made possible by the spirit of generosity which the war produced throughout the nation. It was a conspicuous service on account of its nature. Red Cross motor cars, painted with the insignia of the Red Cross and driven by Red Cross women workers in uniform and often, especially during the last year, carrying wounded soldiers in uniform, made it as picturesque and striking a form of service as was given by any corps of Red Cross workers. On the other hand it was as difficult and taxing and strenuous a form of service as was exacted of any branch of the Red Cross workers on this side of the ocean. The hours of service were long and regular and the women on duty were subject to call both day and night. During the influenza epidemic throughout the country in October 1918, the work of the motor corps of the Red Cross was invaluable and notably efficient, marked by a spirit of unselfish and unflinching self-sacrifice.

The Peace Program of the Red Cross calls for motor service on a very large scale and National Headquarters has directed that the motor service of the various chapters be continued or revised to meet the needs of to-day and to-morrow with the same energy and devotion that it met the demands of war.

Now that the war is over and much of the enthusiasm which was so abundant has abated, this order from the National Red Cross has not been carried out in many instances as promptly as might have been desired. Such, however, is not the case with the Delaware Chapter. The Motor Corps of the Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross has been organized under the direction of the Executive Committee. Mrs. William Stanier is Captain. Mrs. Stanier consults with a special committee concerning the details of the motor service, which committee consists of Mrs. Henderson Weir, Mrs. Joseph Bancroft and Miss Emily P. Bissell, and further makes a monthly report to the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter.

The motor service is of special value in connection with the teaching center and the bureau of Home Service. Nurses employed in Home Service and Child Welfare, who look after sick and needy adults and children and returned soldiers, could do their work only in a limited way without the use of the automobiles, many of the calls being in the country, miles away from a railroad station, which could not be reached except by automobile. The use of the automobile makes it possible for one nurse or one teacher, both in the cities and in the rural districts, to cover the ground much more rapidly and thus do the work that it would otherwise take two or three persons to accomplish. It is well known that it is not an easy matter to obtain women equipped to do this work as there is a great scarcity of both teachers and nurses.

The Reconstruction Commission has motor service from the Red Cross. Sunny Brook Farm, Hope Farm and Edgewood all depend upon the Red Cross motor service for transportation.

The Delaware Hospital and the Physicians & Surgeons Hospital use the Red Cross motor service for the transportation of children who would otherwise have no means of reaching the clinics. Until this service was organized it was a great problem how to bring children stricken with infantile paralysis and other serious ailments, to the hospitals for their treatments. The results accomplished by treatments for infantile paralysis are remarkable and more than justify the effort and expense of transporting these children. Service is given to the Homeopathic Hospital upon request as, indeed, would be the case with any established institution whose work came within the scope of the Peace Program of the Red Cross.

To carry out this work Mrs. Stanier has organized, up to the present time, three branches, one in Wilmington, consisting of sixteen girls. Each girl serves one full day each week. The members are Miss Helen Thompson, Adjutant; Mrs. Mary Adams, Miss Marion Betts, Mrs. Truman Campbell, Mrs. Philip Carpenter, Miss Helen Harrington, Miss Juliet Mace, Miss Marjorie Pyle, Miss Elizabeth Sheward, Miss Elsie Sexton, Miss Susanne Speakman, Mrs. Guy Stollenwerck, Miss Jeannette Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Stillwell and Mrs. Leonard E. Wales.

Georgetown has seven motor girls. The members are Mrs. Andrew Marvel, Lieutenant; Miss Sallie Cooper, Miss Marguerite Davis, Mrs. Hoyt Jones, Mrs. Arthur Ruddell, Mrs. Howard Stewart and Miss Mattie Walls.

The work done in Georgetown is similar to that in Wilmington, in connection with the reconstruction commission and the home service.

East Sussex is covered in

Red Cross motor ser-

“ston, Lieutenant; Mrs. John Eskridge, Miss Helen Moore, Mrs. Howard Morgan, Mrs. Charles Nicholson, Miss Letitia Ross, Mrs. Calhoun Ross, Mrs. Charles Rodgers, Mrs. J. O. William and Miss Alice Morgan.

The motor service of the Red Cross is working in connection with the Tuberculosis Commission also and supplying service in the anti-tuberculosis crusade at a saving of Ten Thousand Dollars per annum of expense to the Commission.

It is the policy of the National Red Cross, and of the Chapters of the Red Cross, to avoid unnecessary expense to the community through the duplication of social service organizations maintained. Therefore, the Red Cross with its motor service, as with its other branches and bureaus, co-operates, where possible, with the existing welfare organizations and relief commissions of the community.

ODESSA

Eugene Shockley spent last week with relatives in Newark.

Miss Rachel Shockley, of Newark, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Gertrude Wallace, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents.

Millard Davis, of Wilmington, visited his father Mr. Alonzo Davis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shetzler have returned home from a visit to Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Ralph Milbourn, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Harry Ward.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Ellis, of Philadelphia, was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of her sister, Miss L. M. Kielkopf. Interment was made in St. Paul's M. E. Cemetery.

Some excitement was caused here on Sunday evening, about 5.30 o'clock, when Mr. D. W. Corbit's ice house was found to be on fire, from some unknown cause. The men from town promptly aided with buckets of water from the town pump, to be praised for their timely service. The chemical engine from Middletown was called and with the aid of their firemen, the flames were subdued with only a small loss.

TOWNSEND

Elizabeth Maloney was the guest of Mary Reynolds Saturday and Sunday in Newark.

Charley Larrimore, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with George Stant and family.

Mrs. Richard Fennimore, of near Middletown, visited Mrs. L. L. Maloney on Thursday.

Anna G. Van Dyke returned home Saturday accompanied by two nieces from Northfield, N. J.

Oscar Lockerman, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with his parents, B. G. Lockerman and family.

Miss Lucy Beck, of Delaware City, attended the Leap Year Dance and was the guest of Elizabeth Maloney.

Mr. William Reynolds has returned home after spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna.

Mrs. Richard Hodgson has returned home from two weeks stay with her daughter Mrs. Carlton Mac Sorley, of Wilmington.

WARWICK

Rev. J. P. George and family are on the sick list.

Mrs. Samuel King spent Thursday with Mrs. L. P. King.

Mrs. J. R. H. Price spent Wednesday with Mrs. R. B. Merritt.

Mr. C. Cole, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with his family.

Miss Bessie Gunkle has been quite sick but is improving and able to be about.

Misses Mary and Catherine Dignam spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dignam.

Misses Agnes and Ruth Merritt spent the week-end with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt.

Mr. R. B. Merritt, Jr., and little daughter, Ruth, spent Thursday with their aunt, Mrs. J. P. Wilson.

Mrs. Verena Vinyard and family attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Mr. Mark Vinyard, of Philadelphia on Monday.

Denney & Burns Minstrels

Mr. J. E. Lewis has secured for the week-end at the Middletown Opera House, next Tuesday evening, the celebrated Denney & Burns, Dixie Minstrels. This combination of black-faced artists have been drawing large audiences and presenting pleasing programs for several weeks, and The Transcript predicts a full house will greet them on their appearance here on Feb. 24th. Read advertisement in this issue of The Transcript.

Dr. Louis Levinson, veterinarian, Graduate of University of Pennsylvania, Middletown, Del. Bell

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

An otter weighing forty pounds was caught a few days ago by William Price, of Still Pond, Md. He received \$30 for its hide.

During the absence of Daniel E. Smith, of Cecilton, Md., from his home thieved his bedroom and carried off \$90 in money.

Mrs. George N. Bright, in charge of the Delaware City Free Library, announces there are 936 books in the library and 357 members.

The first meeting of the Young People's Orchestra of St. Georges was held Monday night. Bandmaster Sholton, of Port duPont, being the instructor.

Washington's birthday, February 22, falling on Sunday, next Monday, February 23, will be observed as a holiday, and banks and public offices will be closed.

Prof. Guy Johnson, of the Chesapeake City high school, has been elected secretary of the Chesapeake City Fire Company, succeeding Richard S. Wal-lis, resigned.

The horse and buggy belonging to Mr. J. Olie Clark, of near Summit Bridge, which was stolen in this town last Saturday night was found Sunday morning near Wilmington.

Gilbert Henry, aged 20 years, a farmhand, in crossing the railroad tracks at Massey's, Md., was struck by a freight train and killed. His wagon was demolished, but the horse escaped injury.

Mr. George W. Allee, administrator on the estate of his father, has sold to Mr. Harley Ottewill the residence on Crawford street. Consideration private. Mr. Ottewill will take possession at once.

A building once used as a private school and owned by D. W. Corbit, of Odessa, was damaged by fire on Sunday. The Middletown fire company soon put out the flames and prevented their spread.

Farmers in the vicinity of Port Penn and Mt. Pleasant expect that an early settlement of their claims will be made with the government for land purchased during the building of the railroad from the Marlin-Rockwell plant.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office for week ending Feb. 12th: Miss Mamie Adams, Miss Allie A. Barr, Mrs. Margaret Croker, Miss Harriet A. Downs, Mrs. Lide Jones, Mrs. Alice Jones, Miss Alice Kelly, Miss Mary Smith, Mrs. Linda Rhodes; Mr. George Daniels, Mr. L. C. Smith, Mr. Harold Sammons, Mr. Geo. H. Williams.

The rural mail route, at Delaware City, which has been interrupted many times within the past few months, has finally been discontinued. This order also includes the discontinuance of the regular mail route between Delaware City and Port Penn. Both mails will in future be sent out from Mt. Pleasant. This means Port Penn will have only one mail a day instead of two, as in the past.

Aid For Vocational Instruction

Vocational Instruction in Home Economics and Agriculture in twenty-three high schools of the State have been approved for State and Federal aid for the first half of the year. Mr. Heim, State Director for Vocational Education, reports that most of the necessary reports and affidavits have already been received in his office and that requisitions for reimbursements will be drawn up on or before February 20th. Approximately \$15,000 will be disbursed to the districts of the State at this time for work which has thus far been carried on. A similar amount will be disbursed in July after the close of the year's work.

Fine programs at the Opera House every evening next week.

Store Entered And Robbed

Early Thursday morning thieves effected an entrance to the grocery store of Mr. William T. Connelly by breaking the glass in one of his front doors. The store was thoroughly plundered but the only thing missing was some money amounting to about \$4.50. This is the first robbery to occur in our town for several weeks and the town authorities and the public believe that the robbery was committed by the same man who entered a large number of houses during the early fall.

Thunder Storm in February

With such weather as this vicinity has been having since December, a weather for continued cold, snow storms, sleet and blizzards, has been exceptional, to be followed by a genuine summer thunder storm, a freak of nature to talk about. Following a few days' thaw last week, an elec-

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

EPISCOPAL

Sunday, February 22d, 1920. 1st Sun-

day in LENT.

Services: 10.30 Morning Prayer, Lit-

any and Sermon.

11.45 Sunday School session.

7.30 Evening Prayer and address.

The Sundays in Lent.

Although these Sundays occur in the midst of a season of penitence and fasting, it

should be noted that the Sundays them-

selves, while in Lent are not a part of

Lent. Our divine Lord rose on the first

day of the week, and His Resurrection,

so fraught with hope and blessed

promise to our souls, makes Sunday

ever a day of gladness. It is a shadow

of the coming Easter. Bandmaster Sholton, of Port duPont, being the instructor.

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